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ALBERT PIKE,
Grand Commander Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

ALBERT PIKE.

We take pleasure in presenting an excellent portrait of Brother Albert Pike in this issue of our journal, and through the kindness of Brother N. R. Parvin, we are permitted to reproduce the following poem, written by Brother Pike:

Our afternoon of life has come,
Its darkening hours are here;
The evening shadows lengthen,
And the night is drawing near;
To some the sky is bright, to some
With clouds is overcast;
But still upon our Present smiles
The Light of Days long past.

The Autumn of our life is here,
Its Summer flowers are dead;
But still the wine-cup charms us,
And young lips rosy-red.
What though the river to the sea
Runs steadily and fast,
Upon its shifting waves still smiles
The Light of Days long past.

We meet here as we met of old,
Kind words to say or sing;
Forgetting age and all the cares
That age and losses bring;
The friendships sealed in younger days
Still firm and faithful last,
And newer friendships brighten in
The Light of Days long past.

THE "TYLER" DEMURS.

Our short article in the October number of this journal on "Not Well Taken," attracted the attention of our esteemed contemporary, and Brother Brownell proceeds to demur to a position we cannot find assumed in that article. We made no defense of the class who say, "Well, Masonry is a good enough religion for me;" or, "If we live up to what is taught in Masonry we are all right," because we did not teach it and we do not believe it any more than does he. It was another thought entirely that we had in mind and that thought stands out clearly in the article we wrote and published in October last. It would be a sad mistake for us to set the "lodge" out of its sphere, or to make it a substitute for the church and for the class who fall asleep in the "bower." We have no higher regard for them than has the efficient and versatile editor of the *American Tyler*.

THE MASONS' SONS.

Since the very modern, and not at all improper, "organization within body of Masonry" known as the order of the Eastern Star, includes all the female ties of a Master Mason, in good standing, among its eligibles, why not let this beautiful and impressive adoptive rite complete the lustre with which its star beams have glowed upon our households by opening its portals to our sons who are eighteen years of age and under twenty-one? There can be no objection to this, on the grounds of impropriety or innovation, since whatever landmarks the founders of the order may have laid down are now entirely overridden and greatly changed in other features.

There can be no objection from the Master Masons who are members of the order since the Star disclaims any relation whatever with the Masonic fraternity that would complicate the prospects of the sons any more than any other member of a Masonic household. We are in favor of giving the wholesome influence and the goodly fellowship of the O. E. S. to our boys. The discussion is now open.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN DEAD.

DR. A. J. HOBART, OF CLINTON, DIES OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN AN ACCIDENT.

CLINTON, Dec. 6.—Dr. A. J. Hobart, one of Clinton's oldest practicing physicians, died at his home at 12:15 this morning from an injury received by being thrown from his carriage September 20. He was for a number of years railway surgeon of the C. & N. W. R'y., and was 66 years of age. He graduated from Ann Arbor in 1859, and Bellevue Hospital College, New York, in 1863. He had practiced in Clinton about thirty years, was a member of Blue Lodge K. T., Shrine, bodies of the Masons, also the Loyal Legion of the United States, and was a member of the county and state medical societies. Dr. Hobart was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and was well known throughout the state.

CEMENT.

The badge of a Mason is soiled whenever he carries useless dirt therein to fling at another.

Let not the avowal that you were "first prepared in your heart" to be a Mason be an empty phrase.

The wisest may err, all men do; but the true man will quickly repent, then he should be forgiven.

Do something useful, let your work be marked with an honorable individuality, not with the disgrace of a mere schemer.

EMMA M. PARVIN.

We have received from Bro. N. R. Parvin a copy of the beautiful memorial of Mrs. Emma Middleton Parvin, in which the action of Iowa Masonic bodies and the periodical notices are given at length. A tender prefatory article is given from the pens of Bro. E. C. Blackmar and Sister H. W. Blackmar.

POTTERY 13,000 YEARS OLD.

In digging out the colossal statue of Rameses II., nine feet and four inches of Nile mud had to be removed before the platform was reached. It is known that this platform was laid in the year 1361 B. C., when Rameses was still living. Therefore three and one-half inches of accumulated Nile mud represents the lapse of a century, it being known that 3,200 years have passed since the platform was put down. Under that platform was found thirty feet more of Nile mud before the original sandy soil was reached; hence 10,000 years must have elapsed from the time of the Nile's first overflow down to the time of Rameses II. The curious part of the story is this: Pottery and fragments of the same were found on the original sandy soil, thirty feet under the base of the statue, which shows that the Egyptians understood the potter's art not less than 13,000 years ago!—*St. Louis Republican.*

PROCEEDINGS FOR EXCHANGE.

GRAND LODGE OF IOWA—1855, 56, 67, 69 (4), 70, 71, 72 (2), 73 (2), 83, 84, 86, 89, to 95. Iowa Constitution 1866.

GRAND CHAPTER, IOWA—1869, 70, 78, 80, 81, 84–95.

GRAND COMMANDERY, IOWA—1882, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL N. M. S.—1887, 93, 94, 95.

PROCEEDINGS WANTED.

GRAND CHAPTER, IOWA, O. E. S.—1878, 79, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 91, 93.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL, N. M. S.—1st to 10th inclusive, 1884, 86, 88, 90, 91, 92.

OTHER STATES.

We have for exchange:

WASHINGTON, Grand Lodge 1889, 91; Grand Chapter 1886, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93; Grand Commandery 1892, 93.

INDIANA—Grand Lodge 1852; Grand Chapter 1887, 88.

We will exchange any of the Proceedings offered above for those wanted by us on the basis of half the expense of carriage.

Address, JNO. W. GEIGER,
Box 504. tf Marion, Iowa.

A selfish Mason! What a misnomer! The lowest plane we can live on is to live for self. Are you a selfish Mason? If you are, you perhaps don't know it. If you haven't relieved some sufferer, visited some poor fellow, lifted up some burdened soul, or cheered some aching heart, you had better take an inventory of yourself and see what you are, or ask some honest, blunt man to give you his opinion of you.—*Masonic Trowel.*

We owe many thanks to Grand Secretary Vincil, of Missouri, for a copy of the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge for 1895.

WALKED THE BURNING SANDS.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY CITY—GRAND BANQUET.

NEWTON, Iowa, Dec. 13.—An exodus of Newton citizens was quietly effected last night. They went, but they returned, fetching with them pleasant memories and some that were not so pleasant. Twenty-six sons of the desert traversed the burning sands of the glistening plains from the oasis of Newton to the Holy City. This pilgrimage was joined in by about twenty natives of Des Moines and other oases, who were met at the station by the Newton cornet band and escorted to the Masonic Temple, where prayers for Mohiyay Abu Wacas were offered, and immediately granted. A fine banquet was furnished by the local lodge of the Eastern Star, and any pilgrim who found fault with the coffee on this occasion, or with any other article of bodily sustenance at this banquet, in the opinion of the majority should himself be left on the rocky plateau as food for vultures. No finer supper has ever been served in Newton. The secret work was done in the hall of Oriental Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar, by Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Davenport, and it was gilt edged. Speeches were made by Dr. Conoway, of New Sharon, Nobles Foster, Callender and others of Des Moines.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Rev. R. Venting, Denison, contributes several very old volumes of great interest.

Many others have been received of late, but space will not permit us to mention all.

O. S. Long, of West Virginia, sends a copy of his text book for the use of Royal Arch Chapters.

The Museum Department grows so rapidly that one has to drop in every few days to keep up with the changes.

A similar volume relating to the death of Samuel J. Tilden, has been received from J. Louis Billau of this city.

All departments have received valuable additions the past month or two.

Matthias Henderson, of Carlisle, Pa., sends with his compliments, the "History of Lodge No. 433," of that state.

Mrs. F. C. Hormel, of this city, also presents a memorial volume of the orations and addresses of her late husband, Brother Frank C. Hormel.

The library is again open to visitors, having been closed for a time for improvements on the furnace, which has been done under direction of the trustees.

A very fine Holmes portrait medallion in genuine Wedgewood ware, made in England, was presented by the Richard Briggs Company of Boston, Mass.

Frank Lebron, of Keokuk, sends to the library a solid gold badge, together with the original design prepared for the badge of the wives and daughters of the Knights Templar of Iowa.

Through Brother Hughan there has also been received the illustrated "History of St. Mark's Lodge No. 1, of London," "History of St. John the Baptist Lodge at Exeter," and others.

Bro. James Janda, a member of a lodge in California, presents to the library a fine, large, stuffed panther, or California lion, nicely mounted. It is a magnificent specimen of this variety.

T. B. Whytehead, of York, England, a great friend and contributor to the library, sends the "Centennial Celebration of West Yorkshire Lodge," together with many interesting and valuable Masonic documents.

Many of our people will be pleased to learn the above, as the library is being constantly consulted by a large number of our citizens as well as a number of others. Hardly a week passes but what some Professor or Teacher in some of the institutions of the state can be found in the library seeking for information not elsewhere to be found in Iowa.

In the Masonic Department we note a fine copy of the second edition of the "Masonic Records, 1717-1894" by that learned scholar and writer, John Lane, of England, sent to the library with the author's compliments. This is a large quarto volume of over five hundred pages.

President Ives, of this city, contributes to the library an interesting piece of wood from the bay at Seattle, Washington, showing the work of the Toredo, as also a very interesting mortar and pestle from Alaska, secured by him on his trip to that far off land, together with a photo of the Great Meur Glacier.

From Brother Wm. Hughan, of Truro, we find a copy of the second edition of the "British Freemason." The first edition of this work has been exhausted long since. Many of the works by this learned brother are out of print and command very high prices. The library is fortunate possessor of each and all of the works issued by this brother.

The Iowa Department has had numerous additions to its collection lately, from Mrs. Weed, of West Union; John Scott, of Nevada; A. E. Rich, of Fremont, Ohio; Standard Publishing Co , of Cincinnati; Prof. F. E. Nipher, of St. Louis, Mo.; R. Ellsworth Call, of Kentucky; Prof. L. M. Hastings, Iowa City; Republican Publishing Co., Cedar Rapids; C. W. Von Collen, Storm Lake; Wm. Salter, Burlington; Abel Beach, Iowa City, and others.

From Major J. Barrington, of the Royal Canadian Artillery of Quebec, comes a very nice specimen of the teak keel of the old Arctic expedition ship "Alert," famous not only for having possessed the record of anchoring nearer the pole than any other ship, but also for having been the ship which brought home the survivors and the dead of the Greeley expedition party. Bro. Barrington adds: "As I saw the specimen cut from the keel of the good old ship 'Alert,' I can vouch for the genuineness of the same." Many papers of the country have had articles on the destruction of this old ship at Quebec, declaring it an act of "national vandalism" for which there is no excuse.

The Knowles, Taylor & Knowles Co., of Ohio, sent to the library, through their president, three beautiful specimens of the famous "lotus ware," manufactured by them. These beautiful vases will be especially interesting to the ladies of the art clubs making a study of pottery and porcelain in the United States, and will be found of especial value in connection with that fine illustrated work under the above title, lately received at the library, giving a fine review of American Ceramic Art from the earliest times to the present day.

The ancient water jars of Arizona, the Zuni meal jars, the Pueblo pottery and the old pieces from Peru, South America, placed side by side with some of the ware above referred to, as well as others from some of the leading potteries of the country, make quite a contrast and show the great advancement made by our American potteries in the past few years. Much interest has lately been centered in this branch of industrial art, and from the many inquiries made at the library regarding the same, there is surely a great interest taken in the subject of "pottery and porcelain in America."

Among the many new things sent to this department, we note the names of the following donors: H. E. Whitney, Fairibault, Minn., J. K. Orr, Columbus, Ga., Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord, N. H., W. R. Bowen, Omaha, Neb., A. M. Callahan, Topeka, Kan., F. S. Walls, Vinal Haven, Maine, W. E. Jewett, Adrian, Mich., A. G. Oliver, Prescott, Arizona, E. A. Holton, Boston, Mass., Leslie Orear, Marshall, Mo., Hugh Sterling, Bridgeport, Conn., F. C. Hartwell, Troy, N. Y., Michael Topping, Niagara Falls, Richard Herrmann, Dubuque, Iowa, T. J. Newton, Washington, D. C., Frank Blalock, Baltimore, Md., M. C. Riley, Butte, Mont.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL.....GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Willis S. Gardner.....Senior Grand Warden
Clinton.
W. L. Ehlers.....Junior Grand Warden
Correctionville.
H. T. Blackburn.....Grand Treasurer
Des Moines.
T. S. Parvin.....Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

H. B. Wyman.....Deputy Grand Master
Sheldon.
N. R. Parvin.....Deputy Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.
Rev. Jas. Edmundson.....Grand Chaplain
Marshalltown.
O. P. Worsley.....Senior Grand Deacon
Red Oak.
J. H Cable.....Junior Grand Deacon
Danville.
G. W. Lipe.....Senior Grand Steward
Council Bluffs.
J. H. Valentine.....Junior Grand Steward
Mason City.
O. W. Treman.....Grand Marshall
Newton.
Theodore Schreiner.....Grand Sentinel
Mt Pleasant.

CUSTODIANS.

C. T Granger, (1899) Prest., Des Moines.
G. B Van Saun (1897) Secretary, Cedar Falls.
W. P Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, Dec. 6, 1895.

Dear Brother Geiger:

One month has passsed away since last I wrote you, and during that time I have visited Fonda, Sheldon, Akron, Ocheyedan, Prairie City and Van Meter.

For good and satisfactory reasons I was obliged to postpone for a future time visiting Hedrick, Thayer and Shenandoah. My revised list of appointments for the future is as follows, viz:

Waucoma, Dec. 11 and 12.
Fredericksburg, Dec 13 and 14.
Thayer, Dec. 16 and 17.
Albia, Dec. 18 and 19.
Ames, Jan. 6 and 7.
Irwin, Jan. 8 and 9.
Logan, Jan. 10 and 11.
Dallas, Jan. 24 and 25.
Barnes, Jan. 27 and 28.
Rhodes, Jan. 29 and 30.
Lake Park, Feb. 5 and 6.
Hawarden, Feb. 7 and 8.
Alton, Feb. 10 and 11.
Laurens, Feb. 12 and 13.

Following places still on my list, and routes to be made hereafter, viz: Hedrick, Shenandoah, Le Mars, Radcliffe, Washta, Orient and Hillsboro. As in years past there seems to be the usual amount of interest manifested, and yet many Lodges are not visited that should be, on account of defects in our present system. More of this, however, in the future.

Yours fraternally.

GEO. B. VAN SAUN, V. C.

ROLFE, IOWA, Dec. 2, 1895.

J. W. Geiger:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I thought perhaps a few items from this part of the state would be acceptable for the FREEMASON AND FEZ.

I want to say that Pilot Lodge No. 467 is one of the wide awake lodges of the state. There are not very many lodges that report making A. M. M's. of a Brother the third night after being elected to the degrees. This we did. Bro. Clinton on Wednesday night, Nov. 27, was elected to take the degrees in Masonry; on that night initiated as an E. A.; on Thursday, Nov. 28, passed his examination as an E. A., and was passed to the degree of an F. C.; on Friday evening, Nov. 29, passed his examination as an F. C., and was raised to the sublime degree of A. M. M. He was well posted in the first two degrees. He is one of our bright young men. How many of such cases have you on record? We have a good deal of work before us just now. There are two elected to the degrees; four E. As.; three F. Cs., which will give us work for some time.

We have a very good lodge here and a lot of good members. I think we have as old a Mason in our lodge as there is in the state. He is Brother Hoover; he is 83 years old, has been a Mason fifty-two years. The election of officers comes Dec. 25, Christmas night.

Rolfe Chapter, No. 79, O. E. S., has a very large membership, and is in a flourishing condition. Their election of officers came last Friday night, Nov. 29:

W. M.—Sister W. Butler.
W. P.—Brother J. H. Campbell.
A. M.—Sister C. P. Leithead.
Cond.—Sister W. D. McEwen.
Assistant Cond.—Sister W. F. Bright.
Secretary—S. H. Kerr.
Treasurer—Sister M. Struthers.

The W. M. has not made her selections of Star officers.

I think this will be all for this time.

Fraternally yours,

W. F. BRIGHT.

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF IOWA.

Half a hundred years ago
Fell that mystic gavel blow,
Echo of an ancient one
Given by King Solomon.

Looking backward fifty years,
Far away that day appears,
Though love's ready tears keep green
Fate's sad mounds heaped high between.

Fifty years of stalwart youth;
Fifty years of kingly truth;
Loves laid level,—prayers placed plumb,—
Square for all the years to come.

May thy future find no loss—
Golden age no taint of dross,—
Good with thee forever keep
While a myriad ages creep.

Looking backward—from one day,—
(God alone how long can say)
May you see your dead, at length,
Stand upright in life and strength!

May thy last, long gavel blow—
Closing all thy work below—
Fall not 'till Time ceaseth reign,
And the Builder comes again!

—CLARENCE M. BOUTELLE.

We acknowledge favors received from Alf. Wingate, Grand Recorder Knight Templar of Iowa, and like courtesy from Theodore Schreiner, Grand Tyler of Iowa.

A pleasant and welcome visitor to our sanctum was Noble H. A. Bowers, a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vt.

Past Grand Master Griswold, of Michigan, "raised" his own son in that grand jurisdiction a short time ago. By this ceremony the young man became the brother of his father, and it must have seemed strange to those who had never seen an occurrence of this kind before, to see that venerable old man take his son by the hand and say, "My brother," etc. It is said that by the tremor of the old man's voice one could plainly see how much he was affected.

The following officers were elected in Marion Lodge No. 6, Dec. 17, 1895:

W. M.—A. W. Bell.
S. W.—John Grassfield.
J. W.—Allen McKean.
Treasurer—J. J. Smyth.
Secretary—F. C. H. Schminke.

The finishing of the Marion Masonic Temple is to be done "by the day" so we are informed. It is to be hoped that the assembly room has not been sacrificed for less important rooms.

The new Temple at Marion is nearing completion. It will probably be dedicated early in 1896.

LODGE OF SORROW.

Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, Crescent lodge, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, held a "Lodge of Sorrow" in memory of the late A. R. West, who was an honored member of that lodge. Members of Mt. Herman lodge and others were present by invitation. The prescribed ritualistic services, beautiful and impressive, were carried through, making a service of beauty and appropriateness. A brief address was made by Hon. John T. Hamilton, a life-long friend of the deceased, which was a worthy tribute to the brother in whose honor the services were held.—*Cedar Rapids Gazette.*

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.
Illinois Grand, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

T. B. LACY.....GRAND COMMANDER
Council Bluffs.
T. R. Ercanbrack.....Deputy Commander
Anamosa.
F. H. Loring.....Grand Generalissimo
Oskaloosa.
Geo. W. Bever.....Grand Captain General
Cedar Rapids.
John W. Geiger.....Grand Prelate
Marion.
J. H. Pettibone.....Grand Senior Warden
Burlington.
D. M. Brownlee.....Grand Junior Warden
Sioux City.
E. B. Shaw.....Grand Treasurer
West Union.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Recorder
Des Moines.
F. E. Fuller.....Grand Standard Bearer
Jefferson.
Alex. Peddie.....Grand Sword Bearer
Emmettsburg.
W. W. Straight.....Grand Warder
Atlantic.
Theodore Shreiner.....Grand Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

PATMOS, Marion, Iowa, held Nov. 5, 1895:

E. C.—C. H. Kurtz.
Gen.—J. M. Booth.
C. G.—N. A. Baker.
Prelate—A. B. Dumont.
S. W.—F. H. Hilliard.
J. W.—E. I. Alderman.
Treasurer—J. J. Smyth.
Recorder—W. B. Wells.

Officers of Apollo Commandery No. 26, Cedar Rapids:

E. C.—N. R. Parvin.
Gen.—E. L. Camp.
Capt. Gen.—L. W. Anderson.
Prelate—Wm. Flanagan.
Senior Warden—G. M. Johnson.
Junior Warden—G. B. Holmes.
Recorder—Gold S. Pettit.
Treasurer—Jas. L. Bever.

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 17, Knights Templar, Council Bluffs:

E. C.—G. H. Jackson.
Gen'l.—George W. Lipe.
Capt. Gen'l.—Vic. Jennings.
Prelate—A. T. Elwell.
S. W.—C. E. Walter.
J. W.—I. M. Treynor.
Treasurer—J. B. Atkins.
Secretary—Andy A. McMillen.

The installation of officers of the commandery will be held at the asylum, December 5. A banquet will be served after the ceremonies are completed.

MRS. LACEY DEAD.

Mrs. Rachel A. Lacey, mother of Dr. T. B. Lacey, died Nov. 23, of heart disease, aged 78 years, 9 months and 26 days. She had been suffering for two weeks, during which time the doctor could give her no encouragement to hope for recovery. Her last moments were cheered by the presence of her children, Dr. Lacey, of Council Bluffs, Mrs. H. A. Sumner, of Chicago, and F. N. Lacey, of Chicago. Funeral exercises were held at the residence of J. B. Atkins, 540 Sixth avenue, Monday, Nov. 25, after which the body was taken to Chicago for burial.

STONE CITY, Ia., Nov. 18, 1895.

REV. JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

Dear Noble:—Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 36, of Anamosa, Iowa, met in regular conclave Friday evening, Nov. 15.

It being election night the following officers were elected:

E. C.—A. C. Comstock.
Gen'l.—C. N. Millard.
Assistant Gen'l.—J. G. Cudworth.
Prelate—T. R. Ercanbrack.
Treasurer—C. N. Lull.
Recorder—M. C. Rigby.

After election of officers the Red Cross degree was conferred upon Messrs. Thomas and Waite. Special conclave Friday evening, Nov. 29, for work in the Black Cross degree. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited.

The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the collection of dues, initiations and general interest that Mt. Olivet has experienced in several years, thanks to our E. C., Sir Knight W. N. Dearborn and his staff of officers, as well as the Sir Knights. Yours fraternally,

A. C. COMSTOCK.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

From the committee on Christmas Observance, K. T., Portland, Maine, comes the following:

Dear Frater:—The following toast has been prepared for the coming Christmas:

"To our Most Eminent Grand Master,
W. La Rue Thomas:
Your duty to command;
Our duty to obey;
May Christ, our Heavenly Master,
Bless and point the way."

The Grand Master sends the following response:

"To the Noble Fraters of a Noble Order,
To command with love, to obey with love,
Will meet the approval of Christ above."

Will you join in these sentiments on Wednesday, December 25, at noon, Eastern Standard time (equivalent to 5 p. m. Greenwich), and will you extend the invitation to your command, as well as to all true Templars and their friends, wherever dispersed, on land or on sea.

Courteously and fraternally yours,
STEPHEN BERRY, Committee.
Portland, Maine.

AN ECHO OF THE CONCLAVE.

One of the social events of the season was the "Boston Tea Party" at the residence of C. H. Kurtz, corner Fourth avenue and Twelfth street, Marion, Ia., on Oct. 29, 1895, given by Mrs. C. H. Kurtz and Mrs. Geo. E. Fullerton. It was composed of the party of excursionists who attended the K. T. conclave at Boston during the month of August. An elegant repast was served, consisting of fish, baked beans, Boston brown bread, ice cream, etc. Those present were as follows, who, owing to the several amusing incidents connected with the trip were given the following nom de plumes:

Mr. Nantasket and Lady, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Geiger.
Mr. Bunker Hill and lady, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Humphrey.
Mr. Spooner and lady, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Alderman.
Mr. Plymouth and lady, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Fullerton.
Mr. St. Lawrence and lady, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Secrist.
Mr. Tally Ho and lady, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davis.
Mr. Mackerel and lady, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kurtz.
Lady Montreal, Mrs. W. B. Carpenter.
My Lady Tunnel, Miss Neva Cobban.
My Lady Nahaut, Miss Laura Williams.
My Lady Boston, Miss Bessie Robinson.
Mr. Crescent Beach, Percy Griffin.
Mr. Old Ocean, Charley Becke.

A social evening was passed in relating experiences and recounting the amusing things that transpired during the trip. They departed to their many homes at a late hour, with a vote of thanks to their charming hostess.—*Gazette.*

ONLY TEMPLARS' INSIGNIA.

BADGES OF OTHER SECRET ORDERS MUST BE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT BY KNIGHTS WHILE ATTENDING THE CONCLAVE.

The following official communication has been sent out by Grand Master McCurdy:

Office of the Grand Master, Knights Templar, U. S. A., Hotel Vendome,
Aug. 27, 1895.

Attention, Sir Knights:

At the last session of the grand encampment the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That it is hereby enacted by this grand encampment that hereafter it shall be unlawful for any Knight Templar within the jurisdiction of, and who is subordinate to this grand encampment to wear any insignia, badge or uniform belonging to any other than a regularly recognized Masonic or Templar body, at the same time as wearing the Templar uniform and insignia, and while attending the conclaves or assemblies of any body of Templars, or on public occasions when they appear in uniform."

All Sir Knights will take due notice and guide themselves accordingly.

HUGH MCCURDY, Grand Master.
Attest, W. B. ISAACS, Jr.,
Grand Recorder.

A second edition of the Ritual of the Order of Malta will soon be ready for distribution as prescribed, on requisition from Grand Recorders.

Gen. F. M. Drake, governor elect of Iowa, is a Freemason belonging to all the bodies in Centerville, Iowa. He is also a member of El Kahir Temple N. M. S.

(This in answer to the question).

We are glad to chronicle the fact that Past Grand Commander, D. W. Clements, of West Union, has almost entirely recovered from his painful accident of last summer, and is again mingling with his fraters.

On October 8, we were one of the fortunate attendants at a Red Cross Council, held by Apollo No. 12, of Albert Lea, Minn., where ten companions were created and an evening of banquet, song and eloquence was enjoyed, long to be remembered. Albert Lea Templars are away up in the matter of push and energy.

From Grand Recorder Mayo, Grand Encampment U. S. We are in receipt of his official circular announcing the transfer of the Recorder's office outfit to the Security Building, St. Louis, Mo.

We note that Iowa is in the Seventh District and under the care of Sir Knight Geo. M. Moulton, of Chicago, V. E., Grand Captain General.

Our boast is not in numbers. It is always possible for others to outbid us in mere numerical strength. Our boast is in moral excellency. We make no solicitations, enter into no competition, issue no invitations. If any one comes to the door and knocks, there is no response unless he be found worthy, and, if he is, silently the door opens, and he may enter in. Our aim is to unite the best men in a sacred bond of brotherhood for the moral elevation of our race.—Allen Andrews, G. M., Ohio.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., ———, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Marshalltown, Oct. 15, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

L. T. WELD.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Nevada.

Max. Beehler.....Deputy Grand High Priest
Manchester.

W. D. Irvine.....Grand King
Sioux City.

W. F. Cleveland.....Grand Scribe
Harlan.

R. F. B. Portman.....Grand Treasurer
Decorah.

Alf. Wingate.....Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

APPOINTED.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER.....Grand Chaplain
Marion.

H. H. Barnard.....Grand Captain of the Host
Elkader.

R. J. Crouch.....Grand Principal Sojourner
DeWitt.

W. W. Montgomery.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
Red Oak.

F. M. Thompson.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
Rock River.

F. M. Dance.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
Missouri Valley.

N. T. Hendrix.....Grand Master of the First Vail
Columbus Junction.

Theo. Schreiner.....Grand Guard
Mt. Pleasant.

FROM WHAT CHEER.

By the courtesy of Comp. A. A. Geneva, High Priest, we have the following item:

Excelsior Chapter, No. 109, opened at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, Nov. 19, and conferred the Royal Arch degree on two teams, as follows: H. W. Kramme, of Barnes, H. E. Emery, of Deep River, M. Kelley, of Thornburg, Dr. O. D. Lawrence, F. W. Funk and R. Kearney, of this city. Among the visiting members from a distance were F. A. Hayden, of Chicago, Inspector General of the Thirty-third degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; O. W. Tremen, of Newton; and G. H. Wymore, of Barnes. The work was completed at 6 p. m., and at eight o'clock a banquet was served in the parlors at which the ladies were in attendance. The work was in charge of A. A. Geneva, High Priest.

The official Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, held at Dubuque, Oct. 17-18, 1895, are at hand. The make-up is in keeping with the work done by Egbert Fidlar and Chambers, of Davenport. A fine half-tone portrait of the retiring Grand High Priest adorns the volume. We heartily approve of the change, as far more beautiful, not to say economical, to the retiring officers.

From Orient Chapter 102, R. A. M., Kansas City, Mo., Dr. W. F. Kuhn, Secretary, we have an invitation for Nov. 29, when the Most Excellent Master's Degree was conferred in oriental splendor. Clear, half-tone cuts of Van F. Boor, H. P., and another, whom by the robes we take to be J. H. Murphy, King, adorn the pages. Orient chapter is in a wonderfully prosperous condition.

Marion Chapter No. 10, R. A M., elected the following officers Nov. 12, at Marion: H. P., F. C. H. Schminke; K., W. B. Wells; S., S. E. Mitchell; Treasurer, T. J. Davis; Secretary, John S. Grassfield.

Star Chapter No. 47, Council Bluffs, Royal Arch Masons—H. W. Binder, High Priest; C. E. Walters, King; I. M. Treynor, Scribe; G. H. Jackson, Secretary; M. Duquette, Treasurer.

A. A. S. R.

SCOTTISH RITE JURISDICTION.

We have been frequently asked what relation the first three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry sustain to this Rite. From a prefatory note to the call of Oriental Consistory we quote the following:

"The first three degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, are apprentice, fellow craft or companion, and Master Mason. In countries where this Rite exclusively prevails, these as well as the succeeding eleven degrees, are given in the Lodge of Perfection. In the United States the Supreme Councils require that the first three degrees be exclusively administered by the symbolic Lodges, as the only authentic power, and deem it proper also that the whole of symbolic Masonry should unite in the representative system of Grand Lodges.

The library and collection of the Acacia Club, of Chicago, has been purchased by Oriental Consistory of that city. The library is the largest and most valuable collection of Masonic books ever brought together in Illinois, and with but few exceptions in the entire country. It comprises works in every field of Masonic labor. The collection will be placed in the parlors of Oriental Consistory

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The qualification necessary for the Scottish Rite degrees, is to be an affiliated Master Mason in a regular lodge, recognized by the Grand Lodge of the state in which the applicant is resident or holds his membership.

We receive with thanks the catalogue of the library of the Oriental Consistory, Chicago, by the hand of Illustrious Gill W. Barnard. It covers from number 1 to 112, and is arranged conveniently for preservation and reference.

The several degrees, grades and orders of the Rite, from the fourth to the thirty-second were conferred by the bodies of Oriental Consistory, Chicago, Nov. 19, 20, and 21 last.

By the action of the Supreme Council, southern jurisdiction, concurrent jurisdiction is given to the consistorial bodies of Iowa at Lyons, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Davenport.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:
Iowa Grand Chapter, Clinton, Oct. 28, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

MRS. JENNIE RULE	Mason City.	GRAND MATRON
E. B. DYKE	Charles City.	GRAND PATRON
Mrs. M. B. Rathbun	Clinton.	Associate Matron
Jno. W. Geiger	Marion.	Associate Patron
Maria Jackson	Council Bluffs.	Grand Secretary
Mrs. E. L. Houghton	Red Oak.	Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Delia Meredith	Newton.	Grand Conductress
Mrs. Adamson	Le Mars.	Associate Grand Conductress

APPOINTED.

MRS. BADER	Clinton.	GRAND CHAPLAIN
Mrs. Luella Usry	Des Moines	Adah
Mrs. G. F. Claycomb	Farragut.	Ruth
Miss Nellie Harris	New Hampton.	Esther
Mrs. Alice Randall	Algona.	Martha
Mrs. Stone	Columbia.	Electa
Mrs. Kate D. Allin	Iowa City.	Warder
Theodore Shreiner	Mt. Pleasant.	Sentinel

TRESTLE BOARD CORRECT.

The order of the Eastern Star by a decision of the Grand Patron of California and concurred in by the Grand Chapter, decides as follows:

4. "A member in good standing of a chapter working under the Macoy ritual, is entitled to visit chapters in this jurisdiction."

By this action it is in rebellion against the G. G. C. practice, which refused admission to the Grand Chapter dignitaries of New York.—*Trestle Board.*

CORNING, Ia., Nov. 25, 1895.

Editor Freemason:—Emblem Chapter 64 O. E. S. is building up slowly but surely, with the very best material of this community. Our representatives to the Grand Chapter, Sisters L. R. Wells and Catharine Schueler, rendered an exceedingly good report of the proceedings of the G. C., at our last stated meeting, that was well received. We number among our active members many of the prominent Masons of this county, among whom is Hon. Geo. Van Houten, of Lenox, member elect to the legislature, ex-county treasurer, A. L. Wells and wife; Superintendent-elect Public Instruction, Ira P. Clark and wife, Prosecuting Attorney Myerhoff, and many others that I could name, are zealous members of the Beautiful Order." Last Tuesday evening we were favored with an official visit from the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jennie A. Rule. Her visit did the chapter much and lasting good. This is what the Corning *Gazette* says:

"Emblem chapter, order of the Eastern Star, was honored with the presence of Mrs. Rule, Grand Worthy Matron of the order for the state of Iowa, on Monday evening, Nov. 18, 1895. The attendance was said to be quite large and the program of the evening a very interesting one. Such visits of the grand officers to the individual chapters, are wonderful helps to the cause of the Star in the East, as they promote zeal and fellowship in the pilgrims who are following the shepherds of old towards the manger in Bethlehem where the King of Kings was born.

Mrs. Rule, fully appreciating the condition of the writer's health, paid a fraternal visit to this office on Tuesday forenoon that was highly appreciated. She gave the information that the order now numbers over 7,000 active members in Iowa and is constantly increasing. It is increasing not only in numbers, but what is better, in the love and enthusiasm that the brothers and sisters have for the institution, and the principles that the Eastern Star teaches to its followers.

Mrs. Rule is a young woman to occupy the honored position that she does, but with that youth, she carries the will to act well her part, and by her kindly influence and tact, she extends the good work now so well in hand by the subordinate chapters."

I congratulate you on being sent to the grand West.

Brother H. C. Ramson and wife, devoted friends of yours, recently disposed of their valuable property in Corning, and removed to Denver, Colorado.

Brother Thomas George, one of the brightest Masons in southwestern Iowa., with an extensive Masonic acquaintance, is much improved in health, which will be good tidings to his many friends.

Your bright and interesting little journal comes regularly, and is making a good name and place for its pages in sunny Adams. Fraternally, A. J. S.

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END OF VOL. III.

With this number we end Volume 3 of this journal. Nearly three years of labor, some disappointments, and many words of cheer, have served to encourage us to believe that the Freemasons of Iowa feel an interest in the venture for its own sake as well as some love for us personally. We are not jubilant enough to think that we are out of the woods yet, but we do say that the growth has been substantial. With the coming years we hope to get yet nearer to the twenty-five thousand loyal Freemasons of the great Hawkeye state. We shall begin the next volume, holding to the same purpose of benefit for the craft and with the hope that our prosperity will enable us to do better in the future than in the past.

TO THE NOBILITY.

With this number we end the first Volume of the distinctive department dedicated to the Order at large. We have received much encouragement to hope that the Nobles of The Mystic Shrine will continue to give us their support in the effort to enlarge and strengthen THE FEZ. We realize that this should be a separate journal, and such we would be more than glad to make it were it not that it would but increase the expense where so many able journals beside our own, seek for patronage. We shall still continue to do all we can to further the work of the great Order in which we have the faith to believe there is a growing future usefulness.

To our brother of the *Trestle Board* we beg to say that while "a man is not supposed to know much about any body or secret society of which he is not a member," he can be openly fair and just to his own and the interests he is presumed to represent. This the *Trestle Board* no doubt *intends* to be generally, and we hope the Shrine will get its due from him, just as any other body composed entirely of Masons would naturally expect.

Would the *Canadian Craftsman* please add just a little over fifty temples of the Order to the item on the Shrine in the November number.

THANKS.

To Brother Will H. Day, of Grinnell, Ia., for a copy of his poem "The Level and the Square."

To Brother Gill W. Barnard, Grand Secretary and Recorder, for Proceedings of Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery of Illinois, for 1895.

To Sister Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary, for the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter O. E. S., of Iowa for 1895.

To Brother Ed. C. Parmelle, Grand Secretary for the Annals of the Grand Lodge of Colorado for 1895.

Mrs. Geo. C. Connor, of Tennessee, remembers the library with a very interesting memorial volume relating to the life, death and burial of her husband, Geo. Cooper Connor, who was so well known to the Knights of Iowa.

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TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Cleveland, Ohio, June 16, 1896.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1895-6.

CHAS L. FIELD.....IMPERIAL POTENTATE
San Francisco, Cal.
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Ed. R. Harris.....Imperial Assistant Rabban
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1 Walter M. Fleming, New York.
2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland Ohio.
3 William B Melish Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Members Emeritus.

1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

MEETINGS HELD.

INDIA TEMPLE, Oklahoma City, O. T. Grand Master McCall and Nobles I. H. Hettinger, C. E. Munson, Frank Niles and William Demars, attended a Ceremonial Session of India Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the Oasis of Oklahoma City, Desert of Oklahoma, on Thursday, November 14, 1895. They report an elegant time. The work was very smooth, and was garnished with all the necessary paraphernalia; they have an electrical fiend down there who is not inclined to be as helpful to a weary pilgrim as charity might indicate. Nine novices guided their camels across the burning sands. The entertainment and banquet were, as one Noble expresses it, O. O. S., which, being interpreted in the Arabian tongue, signifies "out-of-sight." Noble Fred Reed is the Illustrious Potentate, and he is ably assisted by a score of enthusiastic workers. Noble Frank Harrah is the efficient Recorder. The Nobles of Oklahoma have a Queen of the Temple in the person of India, the little two-year-old daughter of Recorder Harrah, who was born on the day the Temple was instituted, and has been named after it.

IREM, Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 20, and Dec 19; MOILA, St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 27, inspection by E. F. Allen, Imperial Oriental Guide; ACCA, Richmond, Va., Nov. 28; KORSAIR, Louisville, Ky., Nov. 28, business and ceremony, afternoon; reception, ladies included, at Galt House in the evening; HAMASA, Meridian, Miss., Nov. 28, work at 6 p. m., banquet, ladies included, at 10 p m.; TANGIER, Omaha, Nov. 29, business at 3 p. m., ceremony at 7 p. m., Trans-Mississippi Congress in session, distinguished Nobles expected. (See elsewhere this number); ZUHRAH, Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 29; ZEM ZEM, Erie, Pa., Nov. 29, here visitors were expected from Cleveland and Buffalo. Their annual meeting was held Dec. 4; MECCA, New York, Nov. 29; they

have a lot of missing Nobles, too; a new departure is the publication of "Our Sick" for visitation by brother Nobles. That's right Saram; EL-KATIF, Spokane, Wash., Nov. 29. Shaw, you've put out a large, illustrated, witty notice. Why that farewell? MOHAMMED, Peoria, Ill., Dec. 10, 3 p. m., for work; ladies' day, lunch at 6 p. m., banquet, music and dancing, games, etc. (What! Alone ?). A full roster accompanies the notice. Thanks for that invitation, Noble Wallace. DAMASCUS, Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 18. This temple last year (Christmas day) distributed 2000 dinners. This year the fees of this meeting go for like charity on Dec. 25. Hail, Damascus, thou honorest the Nobility by thy almsgiving. MOOLAH, St. Louis, Dec. 18, annual meeting. They get four representatives now. HELLA, Dallas, Texas, Dec. 19; MOILA, St. Jo, Mo., Dec. 25, Christmas day. Recorder Worden displays the safe in a state of expectancy, and we hope the dues will flow in till it is full. ARARAT, Kansas City. Recorder Shanklin presents a picture story without words that ought to move the boys to whack up. AL KADER, Portland, Ore., Dec. 28.

EL-KAHIR'S ANNUAL.

The Annual meeting of El Kahir was held Dec. 11, 1895. A large amount of business was transacted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Potentate—Geo. Woltz Bever.
Chief Rabban—Austin D. Brown.
Assistant Rabban—C. H. French.
High Priest—Wm. Flanagan.
Oriental Guide—F. H. Hilliard.
Treasurer—James L. Bever.
Recorder—Jno. Westley Geiger.
Representatives to Imperial Council—Geo. W. Bever, Cedar Rapids; M. S. Rizer, Clinton; A. D. Brown, Manchester; Jno. W. Geiger, Marion.

THE TANGIER MEETING.

We were fortunate enough to be present at the meeting of this Temple, Nov. 29 last, and to share in the surprises that surpassed the Arabian Nights entertainments. When Tangier starts out to do things she usually does them right up to time. There's no moss on those Nobles over the "Big Muddy !"

KAABA'S ANNUAL

Was held Dec. 3, when the following officers were elected:

Potentate—Geo. F. White.
Chief Rabban—C. E. Birchard.
Assistant Rabban—M. Bunker.
High Priest—W. S. Onderdonk.
Oriental Guide—W. H. Forrest.
Treasurer—C. T. Darling.
Recorder—C. J. Brown.

Trustees—John Hoyt, George L. Osborn, J. P. Risley.

Representatives to Imperial Council—Geo. M. Titus, Muscatine; Judge Babb, Mt. Pleasant; C. T. Darling, Geo. F. White, Davenport.

JOHN W. GEIGER, ESQ.,

Recorder El-Kahir Temple, Marion, Ia.

Illustrious Noble:—In reply to your inquiry of the 28th of November, whether the consent of one or both of the Temples in Iowa are necessary to a waiver of jurisdiction, in case a resident of that state desires to make application to a Temple located in another jurisdiction, I will state that inasmuch as ElKahir and Kaaba hold concurrent jurisdiction over the entire state of Iowa, the consent of both will be requisite to accompany such an application.

With best wishes for your health and prosperity, I am

Yours in the faith,

CHAS. L. FIELD,
Imperial Potentate.

Rochester Shriners are preparing their Christmas dinner for the poor, and the entire proceeds from the next class will be devoted to "delicacies ob de season."

PERSONAL.

Noble G. L. Weaver was with us at the Tangier meeting, Nov. 29. So were Nobles Humphrey, C. E. Mitchell and Henry Nicholls, all of Iowa.

Noble Anderson, (see roster) of The Murray, Omaha, Neb., is a genial, wholesouled Shriner, whom the boys ought to meet when they cross the "Big Muddy."

Illustrious Potentate, Harrison Dingman, of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., wants to know the names of all Nobles who are members of the 54th Congress. Meetings of the Temple are to be held Jan. 31, Feb. 25, March 31 and April 29, 1896. Congressmen should take their Fez and claws along.

Rochester Shriners are preparing to give their annual Christmas dinner to the poor of that city, an event that was inaugurated and which was so successfully carried out last year. It is the intention of the Temple to devote all moneys received for initiations at its next service to this object.

SAND.

The elections are over.

Now for another year of push.

The Order deserves to prosper and every Noble should help it.

The next point of interest beyond the home temple is Cleveland, Ohio, next June.

Noble Mars Nobbs, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, a member of Sesostris Temple, has had the misfortune to lose his left hand through an accident on the railway.

A party is being organized in Philadelphia for another cruise to the Mediterranean, visiting Algiers, Malta, Cairo, Jerusalem, Turkey and Athens.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost, and as they are not in possession of Passports of good standing, Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following :

NAMES.	LAST POST-OFFICE.
S. C. Osborn,	Barge Office, N Y. City.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
H. W. Flower,	Minneapolis, Minn.
Edward N. Pickering,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Abner Graves,	Chicago, Ill.
A. G. Smith,	Ft. Collins, Col.
Geo. J. Miller,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
A. F. Graham,	Mason City, Iowa.

ON TO CLINTON.

By vote of the Temple it was decided to hold a ceremonial session of the ElKahir at Clinton, on Jan. 31, 1896. Due notice will be served.

JEWELS.

The Recorder has made arrangements to have button-hole jewels on hand at all meetings for sale, and Nobles can rest assured that they will be the best. Mail orders filled at $1.00.

DUES ARE DUE.

Nobles of ElKahir will confer a great favor upon the Recorder, with but little trouble for themselves, if they will remit by check or draft instead of waiting until the rush of the Annual Meeting to pay dues.

It is impossible to issue passports at meetings as the official seal must be attached, and those who want them can do better to remit direct. Passports are issued to all Nobles paying to December, 1895, or beyond.

TO RECORDERS.

El-Kahir Temple issues a PASSPORT to all her nobles who are in good standing – *good to the 31st of December following the one to which dues are paid.* We will consider it a favor if such Passports are honored when they bear the official seal of this Temple.

REFRESHMENTS OFF.

By a unanimous vote El-Kahir decided that no more "refreshments" should be served at regular or special sessions aside from the "traditional banquet."

Prospective Meetings are in course of fixing for LeMars, Charles City and Manchester, with Ft. Dodge to hear from.

FINANCES.

From the itemized report of the Treasurer and Recorder, we glean the following:

RECEIPTS.

Dues	$1654 50	
Fees	2337 00	
Fezes	270 62	
Other Sources	3 70	
Total		$4265 82
On hand last year		1764 38
Total		$6030 20

EXPENDED.

Refreshments	$851 67	
Banquets and Lunches	814 04	
Postage	164 85	
Printing	568 40	
Charity	125 00	
Imperial Council	360 00	
Paraphernalia Repairs, etc	362 62	
Railways and Transportation	530 12	
Hall Rent and use of Rooms	220 00	
Services and General Expenses	987 80	
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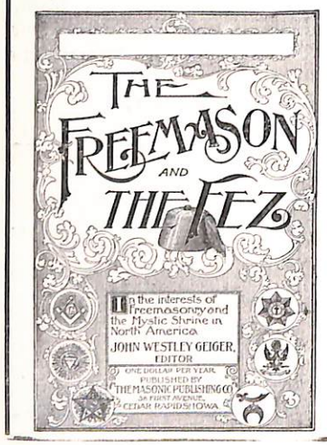

Cut This Out.

JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor:
Marion, Iowa,

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